



# ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus are disclosed for controlling the operation of a plurality of security gate operating mechanisms, which may comprise providing a central computer system, including an associated memory system; providing a  
5 network connection over one of the Internet, world wide web, an intranet, an extranet or a combination of one or more of these, between the central computer system and each of the plurality of security gate operating mechanisms; storing in the associated memory system software used in operating at least some of the  
10 respective security gate operating mechanisms; storing in the associated memory system operating system parameters, or a respective table(s) and/or sub-tables for each of the respective security gate operating mechanisms; providing over the network, the software and operating parameters to respective ones of the security gate operating mechanisms on a client-serve basis running the software on the  
15 central computer system.